

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 22, 2006. Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110 and 112 are pending in the application, Claims 1 to 17 having been withdrawn from consideration. Of the claims under consideration, Claims 38, 40, 102 and 104 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110 and 112 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

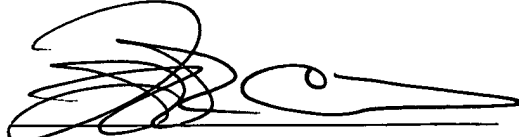
Applicant has rewritten claims 38, 40, 102 and 104 into independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 38, 40, 102 and 104 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application, namely Claims 42, 44, 46, 48, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 106, 108, 110 and 112 are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 42, 44, 46, 48, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 106, 108, 110 and 112 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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